Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Priest: Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere and fill and things. Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *3x*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins, O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me. Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer, O Lord, do not delay.

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

At the completion of the Canon, Great Compline continues:

Reader: *Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O Lord, make me to lie down in safety.

Psalm 6

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, or discipline me in Your wrath. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror. My soul also is struck with terror, while You, O Lord-- how long? Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of Your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of You; in Sheol who can give You praise? I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eyes waste away because of grief; they grow weak because of all my foes. Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord accepts my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror; they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! *3x*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 25

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long. Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose. They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes His covenant known to them. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge

in You. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

Psalm 31

In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me. Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord. I will exult and rejoice in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction; You have taken heed of my adversities, and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many-- terror all around! - as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love. Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord, for I call on You; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. O how abundant is Your goodness that You have laid up for those who fear You, and accomplished for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of everyone! In the shelter of Your presence You hide them from human plots; You hold them safe under Your shelter from contentious tongues. Blessed be the Lord, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from Your sight." But You heard my supplications when I cried out to You for help. Love the Lord, all you His saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly

pestilence; He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love Me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them My salvation.

> Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
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> Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! *3x*
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> Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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> Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

"God is With Us" is now sung.

Reader: The day is now over, Lord: I thank You! Let this evening pass without sin, O Saviour, and save me!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

The day is now over, Master: I praise You! Let this evening pass undisturbed, O Saviour, and save me!

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The day is now over, Holy One: I hymn You! Let this evening and night pass without trouble, O Saviour, and save me!

The incorporeal Cherubim glorify You with unceasing praise. The Seraphim, the six-winged angels, exalt You with tireless voices. And all of the armies of angels praise You with the Thrice-holy Hymn. Because You are, before all else, O Father; and Your Son, like Yourself, is without beginning. By breathing forth the Spirit of Life, equal in honour to You, You make manifest the indivisibility of the Trinity.

Virgin most holy, Mother of God, and you eye-witnesses of the Lord, and His servants, intercede for us! All the choirs of the prophets and martyrs who are enjoying eternal life, intercede for all of us unceasingly, for we are all in distress. That escaping from the terrors of evil, we may sing the angelic hymn: Holy, holy, holy, O Thrice-holy Lord, have mercy on us and save us!

The Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things are made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The All-Holy

(chanted in the Lenten melody)

Priest: O all-holy sovereign Lady, Theotokos, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O all you heavenly hosts of Angels and Archangels, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O holy John, prophet, and forerunner, and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O holy, glorious apostles, prophets and martyrs, and all saints, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O reverend and God-fearing fathers, pastors and ecumenical teachers, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O venerable Father Herman, pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O (*patron of the temple*), pray for us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O invincible, and ineffable, and divine power of the Honourable and Life-giving Cross, do not forsake us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O God, cleanse us sinners.

All: *repeat*

Priest: O God, cleanse us sinners, and have mercy on us.

All: *repeat*

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *3x*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Troparia of the Day

Monday & Wednesday Evenings *Tone 2*

Reader: The Troparia in the 2nd tone:

All: Illumine my eyes, O Christ God
That I not sleep unto death
So that my enemy cannot say: ///
I have prevailed against him.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: O God, be the defender of my soul,
For I walk in the midst of a multitude of snares.
Deliver me from them and save me, O Good One: ///
For You are the Lover of mankind.

Reader: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Seeing that we have no boldness,
Because of the multitude of our sins,
O Virgin Theotokos,
Fervently entreat Him Who was born of you;
For the prayer of a mother avails much to the good will of the Master.
Despise not the supplications of sinners, O all-pure One; ///
For merciful and mighty to save is He Who graciously designed to suffer for us.

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
Tone 8 (some parishes use the Tone 8 Lord I Call… melody
Underlining represents the pointing for the Lord I Call melody. Italics represent the pointing for the Troparion melody.)

Reader: The Troparia in the 8th tone:

All: You know, O Lord my Cre*a*tor,
The sleepless vigilance of my invisible *e*nemies,
And the frailty of my *mi*serable flesh.
Into Your hands, therefore, will I commit my *spi*rit.
Cover me with the wings of Your goodness, that I not *sleep* unto death;
And enlighten the eyes of my spiritual under*stand*ing,
That I may delight in Your di*vine* words:
And make me, in a time acceptable *un*to You, ///
To glorify You in praise, as the only God Who *love* mankind.

Reader: Look upon me, and give ear unto me, O Lord my God.

All: How fearful is Your *judge*ment, O Lord,
When angels stand around about, and men are led be*fore* You;
And the books are opened, and the *deeds* are tried;
And all thoughts are *searched* out.
What judgement shall then be awarded unto me, who was con*ceived* in sins?
Who shall quench the *flame* for me?
Who shall enlighten my darkness, if not *You*, O Lord, ///
Who show mercy upon me because of Your love towards *man*kind?

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Grant me tears, O God, as once to the sinful *wo*man of old:
And graciously grant that I may *wash* Your feet
Which delivered me from the path of *stray*ing
And grant that I may offer unto You incense of sweet *sa*vour,
Which is pure life, fashioned by my re*pen*tance.
And so shall I also hear Your voice which I long for *say*ing: ///
Your faith has saved you; *go* in peace.

Reader: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: In <u>that</u> I have you, O Theo*<u>to</u>*kos,
That hope which makes not ashamed, I *<u>shall</u>* be saved;
In that I possess your intercession, O all-<u>pure</u> One, I *<u>will</u>* not fear.
I will pursue my enemies and *<u>drive</u>* them away,
Taking along your refuge as a *<u>breast</u>*plate,
And <u>as</u> an all-*<u>po</u>*werful aid,
And fervently imploring I <u>cry</u> *un*to you:
O Lady, save me by your inter*<u>cess</u>*ions,
And raise me up again from dark sleep to <u>glo</u>rify *<u>you</u>* in song,
By the might of the *<u>Son</u>* of God, ///
Who through you was in*<u>car</u>*nate.

The Prayer of St. Basil

Reader: O Lord our Lord! As You preserved us this day from the arrows that fly in broad daylight, so now keep us safe from everything that lurks about in the darkness of night. To You we raise our hands in prayer: accept this as our evening sacrifice. Count us worthy of sleep free of sin, sheltered from all evil. Keep far from us all the fearful disturbances inspired by the powers of darkness. Fill our souls with reverence and our minds with diligence that we may come to realize the awesome justice of Your divine decrees. Pierce us through with reverence for You. Still our passions, that in the quiet of night Your instructions may penetrate us with their light. Spare us indecent dreams, all improper desires. Awaken us in time for prayer, strong in faith and ready to observe all You have taught us. Through the loving kindness of Your only Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Part Two – Repentance

Reader: Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgement. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sins did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, You God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Psalm 102

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is stricken and withered like grass; I am too wasted to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my skin. I am like an owl of the wilderness, like a little owl of the waste places. I lie awake; I am like a lonely bird on the housetop. All day long my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink, because of Your indignation and anger; for You have lifted me up and thrown me aside. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But You, O Lord, are

enthroned forever; Your name endures to all generations. You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it; the appointed time has come. For Your servants hold its stones dear, and have pity on its dust. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord will build up Zion; He will appear in His glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord: that He looked down from His holy height, from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die; so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord. He has broken my strength in midcourse; He has shortened my days. "O my God," I say, "do not take me away at the mid-point of my life, You whose years endure throughout all generations." Long ago You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like clothing, and they pass away; but You are the same, and Your years have no end. The children of Your servants shall live secure; their offspring shall be established in Your presence.

Prayer of Manasses

Priest: O Lord Almighty! God of our fathers Abraham and Isaac, of Jacob, and all their children! Who made heaven and earth with all their splendid beauty, Who set the limits of the sea with a word, Who sank the depths and fixed it once and for all by the power of Your awesome and sublime name! In Your presence, everything is filled with awe; all things quake and tremble in the face of Your power! For the magnificence of Your glory, Your terrible loathing of evil and the riches of Your compassion are beyond our power to comprehend. You are the Lord most high: tender-hearted and patient, ready to accept our atonement for all our wrong-doing. In the greatness of Your mercy, You Yourself, Lord, promised to show us the way to repentance and forgiveness, to salvation. Never, Lord, did Abraham or Isaac or Jacob need repentance as we do! Our sins are beyond counting: they outnumber the very fish of the sea. We dare not raise our eyes to heaven, for our sins weigh heavily upon us, they are as heavy as iron chains, and we are near to despair. For we have been offensive not only by doing wrong, but by our stubborn refusal to please You, by multiplying one offence after another, in complete indifference, yes even defiance, of Your commands. But now, Lord, we fall to our knees in our hearts, entreating You to pour forth Your goodness upon us. We are guilty. We know we have done wrong. Who needs Your mercy more than we?

Forgive us, Lord; do not let us perish with our sins. Do not resent our wickedness forever! Do not condemn us to unending punishment. Though we do not deserve it, pour forth Your mercy on us, for You are the God of repentant sinners! In Your compassion, save us, that we may sing Your praises with all the powers of heaven, for all glory belongs to You, Lord, unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *3x*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: *Tone 6 (Lord I Call)*
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
Have mercy on us,
For laying aside all excuse
We sinners offer to You, as to our Master,
This supplication: ///
Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy on us,
For in You have we put our trust,
Do not be angry with us,
Nor remember our iniquities,
But look down on us even now,
Since You are compassionate,
And deliver us from our enemies;
For You are our God and we are Your people;
We are all the work of Your hands, ///
And we call on Your name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O blessed Theotokos,
Open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in you,
That we may not perish but be delivered from adversity through you, ///
Who are the salvation of the Christian people.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. *(40x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: True Theotokos, we magnify you. In the name of the Lord: Master, bless[1].

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers and mothers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Reader: Amen. O God and Master! Father Almighty, only Son, and Holy Spirit! O unique Power and Divinity! Have mercy on me, a sinner, and in Your omniscience, save me, Your servant, unworthy as I am. For You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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[1] It is customary in many parishes to say, “Father, bless.”

Part Three – Glorification of God

Reader: Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, good will to men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You. We glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father, Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You that take away the sins of the world receive our prayer. You that sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us. For You only are holy, You only are the Lord. You only, O Jesus Christ, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I give thanks to You and praise Your Name forever and ever. Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, be merciful to me. Heal my soul for I have sinned against You. Lord, I flee to You, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For with You is the well of life, and in Your light shall we see Light. O continue Your loving-kindness to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers and praised and glorified be Your Name forever. Amen. Let Your merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we put our trust in You. Blessed are You, O Lord teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Lord teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Lord teach me Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever: despise not the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Part Four – Prayers before Sleep

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *3x*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

People: ***Remain with Us, O Lord of Hosts***

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*40x)*

Priest: O good God, so very rich in patience and mercy, Who are adored and praised at all times and at every moment in heaven and on earth! You Who love the just and spare the sinner, inviting all to salvation with the promise of the good things to come! O Lord, accept our prayer at this time, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls and bodies. Set straight our reasoning. Purify and sober our understanding. Deliver us from every affliction, from every evil and illness. Surround us with Your holy angels as with a rampart, guided and protected by their defence, we may reach unity in faith and knowledge of Your inaccessible glory. For blessed are You unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: True Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord: Master, bless.

Priest: God be merciful to us, and bless us, and shine the light of His countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.

Reader: Amen.

The Prayer of St. Ephraim

All: O Lord and Master of my life. Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*Prostration)*
But give rather the Spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. (*Prostration)*
Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother. For blessed are You unto ages of ages. Amen.
(*Prostration)*

Then we make 12 reverences, repeating silently, O God, cleanse me a sinner. *Following this, the entire prayer is repeated with one final prostration.*

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *3x*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins, O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Prayer of Paul the Cenobite to the Most Holy Theotokos

Priest: O Lady, Bride of God, virginal pure, immaculate, blameless, without stain or disgrace, who through your birth-giving united God the Word with our human nature, established a link between our fallen state and the things of heaven; O you, only hope of the hopeless, help of the oppressed, ready protection of those who flee to you and refuge of all Christians: do not despise me who am a wretched sinner, who have defiled myself with

unclean thoughts, words and deeds, and in my slothfulness have become a slave to the passions of life. Since you are the Mother of God, who is the Lover of Mankind, have mercy, have compassion on me a sinner and a prodigal son; accept this prayer from my impure lips, and with the power of your maternity, entreat your Son, my Lord and my God, that He may open for me the depths of His loving kindness, forgive me countless sins, convert me to true repentance and make me faithful to His commands. O you who are compassionate, be my constant companion: in this present life, be with me as an intercessor, as a powerful help to turn away the assaults of my enemies and to guide me to salvation; at the house of my death, be with me to embrace my poor soul and to keep away the dreadful sight of the wicked devils; on the terrible day of judgement deliver me from eternal punishment and make me an heir of your Son's glory, through the grace and love for mankind of your Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him and to His eternal Father and to His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit we send up all glory, honour and worship, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Prayer of the Monk Antiochus to our Lord Jesus Christ

Priest: Now that we lie down to sleep, grant us, O Master the repose of our soul and body. Preserve us against the dark slumber of sin and against any impure satisfaction that roams around in the darkness of night; quiet the assaults of our passions, arrest the darts that the Evil One insidiously throws at us; still the commotions of our flesh and calm all earthly and worldly feelings within us. Grant us, O Lord, a watchful mind, innocent thoughts, a sober heart, a gentle sleep free from evil dreams; at the hour of prayer; wake us, strong in the practice of Your commands and ever-mindful of Your desires; give us the grace to sing Your glory throughout the night to praise, bless and glorify Your all-honourable and magnificent name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: O you, most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Mother of God, commend our prayers to your Son, our God, and entreat Him to save our souls through your intercession.

The Father is my Hope, the Son is my Refuge, the Holy Spirit is my Protection: O most Holy Trinity, glory to You.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Master, bless.

As all kneel:

Priest: O Master rich in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, our God! By the prayers of our most pure lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of the holy and life-giving Cross; through the intercessions of the holy bodiless powers of heaven and of the glorious prophet and forerunner, John the Baptist; of the holy, glorious and illustrious apostles; the glorious and victorious martyrs; by the prayers of Your holy grandparents, Joachim and Anna, as well as those of all Your saints, make this prayer of Your servants acceptable and pleasing, and grant us the remission of all our sins; protect us under the shelter of Your wings, and drive far from us every assault of our enemies: fill our lives with peace, have mercy on us and on this world of Yours, and save us, for You are good and full of love for all mankind.

He prostrates himself before the people, saying:

Brother and sisters, forgive me a sinner.

All: May God forgive you, Father.

During the following petitions, Lord, have mercy *is slowly chanted on the same note.*

Priest: Let us pray for the peace of the world.

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our Metropolitan _______, our Bishop ___________, the honourable priesthood, the deaconate in Christ, all the clergy and people.

For all civil authorities and those who serve in the armed forces.

For those who are absent from us.

For those who are kind to us and those who minister unto us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy as we are.

For the release of captives.

For travellers by land, air and sea.

For those afflicted with sickness.

Let us pray for abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for the soul of every Orthodox Christian.

For God-fearing rulers, Orthodox Bishops, the founders of this holy temple, our parents and teachers, and for all our fathers and brethren departed from this life, who here and everywhere lie asleep in the Lord.

Let us also say for ourselves:

All: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Forgive, O Lord, those who hate us and those who oppress us. Be merciful to those who are merciful and grant our brethren and all those who belong to us the means of salvation and of eternal life. Visit those who are in infirmity, and grant them healing. Direct those who are at sea; be with those who are on land and in the air. Grant those who serve us and are merciful to us forgiveness of sins; and upon those who have asked us to pray for them, have mercy according to Your great mercy. Remember, O Lord, those of our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us. Grant them repose where the Light of Your countenance shines. Remember, O Lord, our brethren who are in captivity and deliver them from every circumstance. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches, and grant them all the means of

salvation and of eternal life. Remember us also, Your sinful, wretched and unworthy servants and lead us in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother, Our Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary and of all Your saints, for you are blessed unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.